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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...but I...I'm...I thought maybe I ought to flesh out a little bit what you had in mind with the committee. Is that to be a committee activity? Is that to be a staff activity that will report to your committee? How subjective/objective? I know you intend for it to be objective, but I was reading the basic assumptions underlying the creation of the board and a statement of the impact and effectiveness of the program. Some of that could be...tend to be subjective if...if someone was in a witch hunt type of approach. And I...I just thought maybe we could say on the record a little bit more of what you had in mind and how you intended to arrive at your conclusions so that some board some day doesn't say, well, I know they're out to get me. A chairman may have a vendetta or something like that.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, and I appreciate that question, Senator Wehrbein, and I...certainly that is not in the back of my mind and, indeed, when we had the committee hearing I noticed that there were several boards and commissions represented at that hearing because I think they too were perhaps nervous about the intent of the bill, but nobody came forth and testified either in a neutral or a negative capacity. It is a very benign purpose, and the purpose is to have some mechanism in place for this review. I would anticipate that we would use the resources of the Legislature to help do this review and what I...the way I envision it is that the committee would meet in the interim and go over the report and look at maybe boards or commissions that we might have questions about. For instance, this time there were probably, I don't know, half a dozen, dozen commissions that did not respond after repeated requests from our office, and (laugh) I would guess that those would be the first ones that we would want to take a look at and say, we need this information from you; would you please come to the interim hearing and give us an idea what your board or commission is doing. So I don't envision it being a real high-powered activity but, at the same time, give us a little bit of statutory authority to ask these boards and commissions for this information and then to follow up on it. Any kind of recommendation that we would make, of course, would have to come back to the body and that is another reason why I wanted Senator Tyson's amendment defeated, so that we would still have time to do that in the biennium that we're talking about.